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**MANCHESTER MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL
COCAINE DISTRIBUTION CHARGES**

Re: United States v. Shawn Roberts

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and N.H. State Police Colonel Gary Sloper announced that **Shawn Roberts**, date of birth, August 13, 1972, of Manchester, NH was sentenced today on federal cocaine distribution charges.

ROBERTS was arrested by State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit detectives on October 28, 2002, after delivering an ounce of powder cocaine to a cooperating State Police informant. A subsequent search of his home at 153 Orange St. in Manchester revealed an additional 180 grams of cocaine, just under a kilogram of marijuana, drug distribution materials, and over \$17,000 in apparent drug proceeds.

On April 23, 2003, Roberts entered his guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Steven McAuliffe to an information charging him with possession with intent to distribute cocaine. Today, Judge McAuliffe sentenced Roberts to serve 30 months in prison, followed by a three-year period of supervised release, during which Roberts' behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation. ROBERTS also forfeited over \$17,000 to authorities.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "This case demonstrates our office's commitment to aggressively prosecuting drug traffickers, including the street-level cocaine dealers operating in Manchester and New Hampshire's other larger cities. This office will continue to commit federal resources to these efforts."

The conviction resulted from an investigation conducted by the N.H. State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("New England OCDEF").